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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN VISITS PALESTINIAN LIBERATION

ARMY BRIGADE

1. SUMMARY: IN FINAL PUBLIC APPEARANCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE AND US, KING HUSSEIN APRIL 23 VISITED PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ARMY UNIT STATIONED IN JORDAN. IN SPEECH, KING HIT HARD AT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND WAR PREPARATIONS. KING MENTIONED JORDAN SEEKING ARMAMENTS, PARTICULARLY AIR DEFENSE, "FROM ANY QUARTER AND BY ANY MEANS". END SUMMARY.

2. KING HUSSEIN APRIL 23 VISITED PLA UNIT STATIONED NEAR ZARQA. IN SPEECH BEFORE UNIT (FBIS JN222056), KING HIT HARD ON TOPICS OF ARAB DUTY TO RECOVER WEST BANK, PARTICULARLY JERUSALEM, MALIGN INTENT OF ENEMY "TO PRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARE FOR SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT AFTER THE JUDAIZATION

OF JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK", AND READINESS OF JORDAN ARMED FORCES (ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT) TO RESIST. "BEFORE ALL ELSE, THE RIGHTS OF...THE SONS OF PRECIOUS PALESTINE MUST BE RESTORED IN FULL...WHAT WAS DECIDED AT RABAT WILL NOT CHANGE OUR DETERMINATION...IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO BE THEIR OWN MASTERS OVER THEIR LIBERATED ARAB TERRITORIES".

3. IN ADDITION, KING MENTIONED THAT JAF IS IN PROCESS OF ACQUIRING NEW EQUIPMENT. "AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE AND IN VIEW OF THESE APPREHENSIONS AND POSSIBILITIES, I AM CONCENTRATING ALL MY EFFORTS, TOGETHER WITH OUR BROTHERS IN THE ARAB WORLD AND EVERYWHERE, IN ORDER TO SECURE WHAT-EVER WE ARE LACKING FROM ANY QUARTER AND BY ANY MEANS. THIS IS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE ARMAMENT OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PARTICULARLY SECURE AIR DEFENSE SO AS TO PROTECT THESE FORCES AND THE VITAL POSITIONS IN OUR COUNTRY, AND IN ORDER TO BE ON A HIGHER LEVEL OF READINESS TO FACE ANY POSSIBILITY OR CONTINGENCY".

4. GOJ-SPONSORED PRESS SINGLED OUT ABOVE THEMES TO STRESS EDITORIALY. AD-DUSTOUR: "ABOVE ALL, THE KING OUTLINED JORDAN'S DETERMINATION TO RESTORE ARAB SOVEREIGNTY OVER JERUSALEM...HE ALSO STRESSED THAT JORDAN IS STRIVING TO BUILD UP ITS OWN FORCES." AR-RAYY: "HUSSEIN'S VISITS TO ARMY UNITS STATIONED IN JORDAN INDICATE THAT SOMETHING IS APPEARING ON THE HORIZON. ISRAELI NEWS SPEAKS ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF WEST BANK ROADS LEADING TO THE JORDAN VALLEY. THIS MEANS THAT THE ENEMY IS MOVING FORCES TO THIS FRONT...JORDAN MUST SERVE AS THE 'ALARM BELL' FOR THE ARAB NATION."

5. COMMENT: WE VIEW VISIT TO "TAME" AND WELL-INTERGRATED PLA UNIT AS APPROPRIATE PART OF KING'S CURRENT VISIT TO JORDAN MILITARY UNITS AND ALSO POSSIBLY AS A GESTURE OF SUPPORT TOWARD PLA COMMANDER NUSAIBEH WHOSE REPUTATION HAS BEEN ATTACKED RECENTLY BY PLO LEADERSHIP IN BEIRUT. VISIT PROBABLY ALSO INTENDED TO MAKE REASONABLE IMPRESSION ON SYRIA AND SAUDIS IN AFFIRMING KING'S PAN-ARAB CREDENTIALS AND ADHERENCE TO RABAT SUMMIT RESOLUTIONED OFFICIAL USE

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